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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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2. I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

TAUT LINE MOORING APPARATUS AND METHOD

the specification of which is attached hereto.

3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.
5. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) listed below. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior foreign applications (Number, Country and Date Filed):

NONE

6. I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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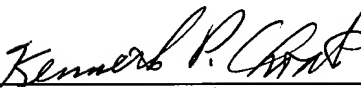
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